



# MAKING WAVES

News from The Swange School

May 2021

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Year 11 on their leavers' trip to Thorpe Park, accompanied by Mr Duke, Mr Hines and Miss Morris.

A FOND FAREWELL TO YEAR 11

# HEAD LINES



Exciting news in this edition as we confirm a musical production of Little Shop of Horrors and our Festival on the Field. We are also

delighted to be able to run trips again as, dare I say it, things are starting to return to something more akin to normal.

In this issue we also focus on wellbeing which has been an incredibly important part of return post lockdown.

Approaching the end of an academic year is a bittersweet experience, for whilst we look forward to meeting new Year 7 students at transition events, we have to say goodbye to our Year 11s. They have been an amazing group and we have got to know them well these past five years. We feel for them not being able to sit their GCSEs, but rest assured we are working relentlessly to ensure fair, evidenced and moderated teacher assessed grades.

Enjoy your half-term!  
Jenny Maraspin

## GOODBYE YEAR 11

It's been a rough ride this last year or so, and for your group in particular. Having got just six months into Year 10, GCSE preparation was disrupted by the pandemic and three lockdowns later you returned to school in March pretty darn close to the end of Year 11.

What we want to say is this: we are immensely proud of the focus and determination that so many of you have shown, and for sticking with your education despite the impact of the unique and really quite surreal circumstances you found yourselves in. It has been a joy teaching you since you arrived in 2016 and we know you will be taking with you some fond memories, all to be shared at the prom along with other embarrassing stories.

Things are quieter without you, that's for sure! You will be missed but we wish each and every one of you the very best of luck with your next adventures,

Maraspin, Lawton and the entire Swanage School team.

# SCHOOL SNIPPETS

## FESTIVAL ON THE FIELD

It's been a while since we've held a community event and we've had this one on hold during the pandemic but now, as restrictions are easing, we are delighted to announce the inaugural "Festival on the Field" on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

The event will be ideally suited for families with primary aged children, with heaps of entertainment and activities, and our own students will be invited to work with us in presenting this event and to be great ambassadors for the school on the day.

Please see the back cover for more information, save the date and follow the event on social media!  
[@swanagefestivalontheField](https://www.instagram.com/swanagefestivalontheField).



## CRICKETING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 11 student Andrew Hancock, who made the Dorset Cricket Honours Board for his bowling, and to Year 10 student Freddie Long, whose batting success propelled him onto the Honours Board.

## LSOH T-SHIRTS

Cast and band members for Little Shop of Horrors (see p.6!) can purchase their show t-shirts through ParentPay.

## THEATRE STAR

Congratulations to Y11 student Evie

Walker-Scouler who has accepted a place at the Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts. Hundreds apply for only 35 places!

## FRUIT TREES DONATION

We are very fortunate to have been gifted 12 fruit trees by a grateful recipient of the Cooking for the Community Project that we ran during lockdown. Thank you!

# WELLBEING & WELFARE

Positive mental and emotional wellbeing is incredibly important to a young person's enjoyment of school and their ability to cope with the ups and down of teenage life. One of the key advantages of being a small school and of our relationships-based "human-scale" ethos is knowing every child well, and we do our very best to support them. Our pastoral team includes tutors, Heads of House / Year, the safeguarding team, school counsellor and volunteers. The team also accesses emotional and wellbeing support from outside school too, where appropriate.

## SAFEGUARDING & WELFARE OFFICER

Mandy Sands has an open door policy for students who need to chat about any issues they are facing and will regularly "check-in" with students who are struggling with social, emotional or home issues. Ms Sands is also our Designated Safeguarding Lead.



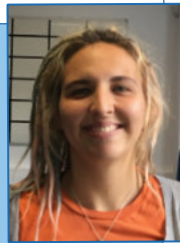
## SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Our School Counsellor, Pamela Holt, is here at the School two days a week to offer support to students. Sessions with Miss Holt are usually referred via Ms Sands or tutors.



## WAVE YOUTH TEAM

We are fortunate to work with the Wave Youth and Children's Ministry team who give their time each week to mentor students who need a little support. Hannah Fenton (pictured) is the charity's School's Worker and together with Rich and Berno (Youth Ministers at Emmanuel Baptist Church and for the Anglican churches) delivers youth work, youth groups and mentoring in secondary schools. They work one on one with students, listening and talking through any problems, helping them gain confidence and supporting them to resolve issues for themselves. Students are usually referred to the team via Ms Sands, tutors or Heads of Year/House.



£348.50 RAISED

Thanks to your generous donations we raised £348.50 for the #Willdoes

non-uniform day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Dedicated to the memory of William Paddy, who grew up near Swanage and sadly died aged just 14, the charity aims to help young people achieve wellbeing by contributing to charitable projects which support this goal. They are currently raising funds for a Community Bus Project, which will provide support and a youth hub in Swanage. You can find out more by visiting their [website](#).

## OPERATION ENCOMPASS

We are a member of Operation Encompass which allows police forces to confidentially share with trained safeguarding leads in schools that a pupil has experienced domestic abuse. This will enable us to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children and to support them.

# ASSEMBLIES

Whole school assemblies may have been on hold this year, but that doesn't mean assemblies have been forgotten. In fact, assembly presentations on a huge range of topics have been delivered through tutor times in classrooms.

The line-up has looked like this:

- Guy Fawkes
- Remembrance Day
- World Toilet Day
- Abolition of Slavery
- Human Rights Day 2020
- Christmas Traditions
- Lockdown Heroes
- World Poetry Day
- The Importance of Theatre and the Arts
- Iconic Moments in Sport
- David Attenborough
- Women in Science
- Stephen Hawking
- World Environment Day 2021

THE SWANAGE SCHOOL PRESENTS



AT THE MOWLEM THEATRE FOR FOUR PERFORMANCES ONLY

7.30pm Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 + 2.30pm Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

Tickets £10 plus booking fee • Call 03336 663366 or visit themowlem.com

Book and Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN • Music by ALAN MENKEN

Based on the film by Roger Corman, Screenplay by Charles Griffith. Originally produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Renick, Producing Director) and at the Orpheum Theatre, New York City by the WPA Theatre, David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Shubert Organisation. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe). All authorised performance materials supplied by MTI Europe [www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

## (FINALLY) SHOWTIME!!!

“ The main importance of theatre, I believe, is that it brings people together. It brings the best out in people. It pushes people to their limits, it challenges them, it exposes them, it instils fear and promotes joy, teamwork, collaboration and creativity ”.

[Performing Arts Director Harry Peake]

The Mowlem is booked, props are hired, costumes are being made, vocal chords warmed up and dance moves perfected. Timeframes for rehearsals are tight - what normally takes a year is being attempted in just 12 weeks - but we all know Mr Peake, Miss Stone and their amazing cast and crew will pull it out of the bag, no doubt about it. Tickets for Little Shop of Horrors go on sale soon - don't miss out!

## CAST LIST

Seymour Krelborn - Riley Girling

Audrey - April Burnett Crook

Mr Mushnik - Vince Betteridge

Orin Scrivello - Jack Gillespie

The Plant (Audrey 2) Puppeteers - Finn Forrester / Louis Walker-Scoular

Voice of the Plant - Marek Silverton

Crystal - Evie Walker-Scoular

Ronette - Sophia A'Barrow

Chiffon - Pollen Demir

### Ensemble

Maddy Abley / Mica Jo Andrew / Alfie Bennett / Harrison Bennett / Alesha Billington / Tayler Burgess / Nancy Dando / Tinisha Devine / Ava Edmunds / Mia Ferrari / Chloe Fowle / Alfie Giles / Rachel Glassock / Jayme Hall / Isla James / Darja Kelly / Emily Knapman / Reuben Marcus / Brooke Melrose / Ava Muir / Julia Pleszynska / Sienna Real / Alex Roberts / Amy Robertson / Lily Robinson / Emory Shaffer / Isobel Smith / Nati Stannard / Rocco Taylor / Rhys Williams

# STUDENT COUNCIL

Some of the leadership positions in the Student Council have been re-jigged following the departure of Year 11 students.

Congratulations to new role holders! Roles are now as follows:

Chairperson:  
Rose

Deputy Chairperson:  
Edith

Treasurer:  
James

Secretary:  
Alex

Student Comms Officer:  
Harry

Environmental Welfare Officer:  
Seb



New Student Council Chairperson, Rose Starmar

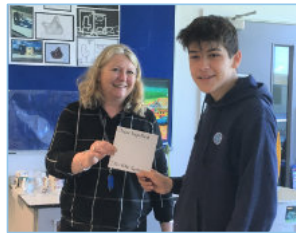
# PLANET PURBECK ART WINNERS

Planet Purbeck challenged our students to produce a piece of work about what they feel our Purbeck environment will look like in the year 2030. Well done to all students who entered by creating a drawing or painting depicting their vision of Purbeck in the future, and congratulations to the winners, who were:

- **Willow Moring** - who won £50 Free Credit with Scoopies Ice Cream
- **Sophia A'Barrow** - who won a one Year National Geographic subscription
- **Oscar Ingarfield** - who won £50 Free Credit with Furmage Cycles Bike Repair

You can see all the entries on the Planet Purbeck [website](#), [Instagram feed](#) or [Facebook page](#).

Mrs Saganic presented Oscar, Willow, Sophia with their prizes.



We are looking forward to being part of the Planet Purbeck Festival in September!

# PURE CLASS

This edition: SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON ART

Art is a hands-on, creative subject where students are challenged to be experimental with their work and ideas in a stimulating and dynamic learning environment and through our

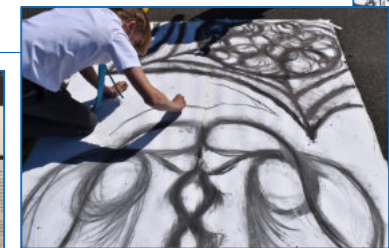
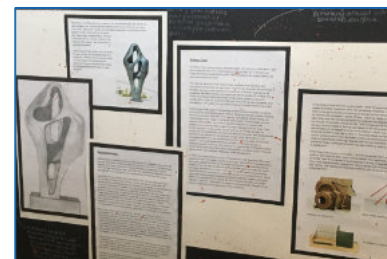
OUR ARTISTS:  
Mrs Saganic  
Miss Lardner

links with local artisans and organisations such as the Arts University Bournemouth and Bournemouth Emerging Arts Fringe.

In Key Stage 3 students learn the elements of art such as line, shape, pattern, colour and form, and are introduced to relevant historical and cultural material. They develop visual communication skills through a range of media techniques and processes in order to create meaningful and pertinent works of art. Art builds confidence, enhances self-expression and fires creative imagination and high level independent thinking skills.

Students studying art for GCSE take the Art & Design (Fine Art) pathway. In-depth research on the work of artists, craftspeople and designers complements their own exploration of drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, textiles, fashion and photography. The study of art is not only fascinating and a creative outlet for students, but with careers ranging from architecture to art therapy it is a great building block for an artistic future.

Year 9 students took part in the "I Can't Draw" arts project set in conjunction with Arts University Bournemouth and the Bournemouth Fringe, exploring drawing as a performance by using their own physicality as a tool to draw with.



Example of a GCSE portfolio.

# ALL ABOUT ALUMNI

We're delighted that past students have taken the time to complete a short survey to fill us in on what they are up to now, and to give us feedback on their time at The Swanage School (which we're pleased to report was overwhelmingly positive!) Thank you all.

**Thomas Baxter** (2016) went on to study a BTEC Extended Diploma in Art & Design at Bournemouth & Poole College.

**Karli Bishop** (2016) studied Media at Bournemouth & Poole College and is currently at Roehampton University studying Media, Culture and Identity.

**Olivia Coram** (2016) took A-levels in English Literature, Religion & Philosophy and Theatre Studies at Parkstone Grammar School and went on to study Drama at the University of Portsmouth.

**Megan Cox** (2016) studied Level 3 Childcare and Education at Weymouth College and is now employed as a Childcare Practitioner.

**Bethany Hodge** (2016) studied English Literature A-level at Thomas Hardy Sixth Form and is employed locally.

**Samuel Aggas** (2017) studied Physics and Computer Science A-levels at Lytchett

Minster Sixth Form and now relocates lifeboats and participates in equipment trials for the RNLI.

**Amealia Jones** (2017) is self-employed in health care after taking a Level 3 Holistic Beauty Therapy course at Bournemouth & Poole College.

**Jodie Stannard** (2017) studied Maths, Further Maths and Chemistry at The Purbeck Sixth Form and is currently at the University of Exeter reading Mathematics (with Entrepreneurship).

**Chloe Gallett** (2018) went on to Bournemouth & Poole College to study Applied Science and Care and is off to university in September for a degree in Childhood & Youth Studies.

**Jacob Glassock** (2018) took an apprenticeship in Aeronautical Engineering with Cobham Mission Systems and is now employed by them as an Engineer.

**Hamish MacLeod** (2018) studied Film, Media and Performing Arts A-levels at Brockenhurst College and is now working as an Assistant Producer for a film company.

**Kitty O'Connor** (2018) is currently studying Physiotherapy at York St John University, after taking A-levels in Biology, Geography and Psychology at The Purbeck School Sixth Form.

**Mia Streams** (2018) studied A-levels in Law, Media and Religious Studies at Thomas Hardy and is now working as a Media and Marketing Administrator.

**Charlotte Grinsted** (2019) is studying Performing Arts at Weymouth College.

**Taylor Holding** (2019) is studying Health & Social Care and Music Technology at Weymouth College.

**Megan Prouten** (2019) is studying for a Level 3 Creative Media qualification at Bournemouth & Poole College and also works as a freelance photographer.

**Stephen Prouten** (2019) is taking A-levels in Psychology, Criminology and Law at Bournemouth & Poole College.

**Ellie Stannard** (2019) is studying A-levels in Chemistry, Physics and Maths at The Purbeck Sixth Form.

**Holly Barrett** (2020) is taking A-levels in Philosophy and Photography at Brockenhurst College.

**Jake Edwards** (2020) is studying Sport, History and Business A-levels at The Purbeck Sixth Form.

**Ollie Gallanders** (2020) is studying a Level 3 BTEC in Health & Social Care at Bournemouth & Poole College.

**Abbie Guest** (2020) is currently studying Applied Science A-levels at Bournemouth & Poole College.

**Thomas Leyman** (2020) is a Higher Level Mechanics Apprentice, studying at Weymouth College.

**Nyika Mutendera** (2020) is studying for A-levels in Geography, Biology and History at The Purbeck Sixth Form.

**Evan Ward** (2020) is taking A-levels in Law, Mathematics and Film Studies at Brockenhurst College.

To complete the [online survey please click here](#).

# STAFF NEWS

## A WARM WELCOME



Miss Robinson joined our reception team recently and will normally be the first member of staff that students

and visitors see on arrival at the school. Having worked with us over lunchtimes for the last couple of years, Miss Robinson was already a familiar face to a lot of students and we are delighted to have appointed her on a customer service apprenticeship.

## A CHANGE OF SENCo

We are sorry to say that Mr Dawson, who has been our SENCo for many years, will be moving onto pastures new at the end of the academic year.

We have recruited a new, very experienced SENCo and a new maths specialist to cover Mr Dawson's maths teaching, who we will introduce soon.

## WELCOME MRS ASHTON

A new Curriculum Area Leader for English, Drama, Languages and Music, Kayleigh Ashton, will join us full-time in September and in the meantime will be working with us on our primary school outreach programme.

Mrs Ashton, who will also teach English, has been recruited to replace Mrs Probert who is sadly leaving the School at the end of the academic year, having decided to semi-retire.

## MUSIC MATTERS

We will also be very sorry to see Miss Stone leave at the end of term. She is also moving onto new things and will be greatly missed. What better way to leave than with a school production at the Mowlem Theatre though!

A new music teacher has been recruited and will join us in September

# AND FINALLY

## DIARY DATES

7 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school after half-term
15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y10 to Studland (Dunescape)
21 <sup>st</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y10 to MonkeyWorld: Taxonomy workshop / tour
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y10 Drama to Regent's Park Open Air Theatre
25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>INSET DAY</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y10 Virtual Work Experience
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y11 Leavers Ball
5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y7 to Studland: Plant survey and mindfulness (Dunescape)
14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> July (tbc)	Challenge Week Part 1
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Festival on the Field
19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> July (tbc)	Challenge Week Part 2
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y10 Careers, Weymouth College
21 <sup>st</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Little Shop of Horrors, Mowlem Theatre
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of term



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# FESTIVAL ON THE FIELD

**SATURDAY 17 JULY 2021**

The Swanage School, High Street, Swanage

As seen at  
Camp  
Bestival

**★ FREE ENTRY ★**



**music** wipe-out

entertainment

**barbeque**

bouncy castle

★ story-telling

★ **CREAM TEAS**

★ face-painting

★ competitions

Facebook & Instagram: @swanagefestivalonthefield

**ART** ★  
**PIZZA** ★  
**stalls** ★  
**STEM** ★

**workshops** ★

craft activities ★

ice-cream & cakes

**BAR** *Pimms*  
games

**BAR** sports

**10am-4pm**

Proudly presented by The Swanage School

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